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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FMS CREDIT FOR JORDAN

REF: AMMAN 3770

PER REFTEL STATE 120321 DATED 7 JUNE 1974 IS BEING
REPEATED HEREWITH. BEGIN TEXT:

DEPARTMENT HAS CONSIDERED ARRANGEMENTS THAT WOULD
ACCOMMODATE SAUDI DESIRE FOR DIRECT PAYMENTS TO USG WHILE
PROTECTING US INTERESTS AND MINIMIZING COLLECTION EFFORTS
WITH SAUDIS. FOLLOWING IS PROCEDURE WE WOULD PROPOSE TO
FOLLOW, SUBJECT TO YOUR COMMENTS. (THIS PROCEDURE ASSUMES
CONGRESS WILL PROVIDE ENOUGH FUNDS FOR FMS PROGRAM THAT
ENTIRE DOLS 30 MILLION FOR JORDAN CAN BE DIRECT USG CREDIT.
IN THE EVENT FMS APPROPRIATIONS WERE TO FALL SIGNIFICANTLY
BELOW THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST, SOME PORTION OF THE
JORDAN PROGRAM MIGHT HAVE TO BE PRIVATE LOAN(S) WITH USG
GUARANTEE. WE WOULD THEN HAVE TO REVIEW PROPOSED PROCEDURE

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TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS COMPATIBLE WITH PRIVATE CREDITS.)

A. EMBASSY AMMAN WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO ENCOURAGE GOJ SEEK SAG AGREEMENT TO BECOME CO-OBLIGOR UNDER DOLS 30 MILLION CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH USG;

B. CONFIRMING EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN EMBASSY AMMAN AND GOJ COULD FOLLOW, SO LONG AS SUCH EXCHANGE DOES NOT OPERATE TO RELIEVE GOJ OF ITS REPAYMENT OBLIGATIONS;

C. USG WOULD ENTER INTO CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH GOJ AND SAG, WHEREBY USG WOULD UNDERTAKE TO EXTEND DOLS 30 MILLION CREDIT TO GOJ, GOJ WOULD PROMISE TO REPAY, AND SAG WOULD ALSO PROMISE TO PAY AS REPAYMENTS BECOME DUE AND TO CONSIGN PROMISSORY NOTES TO BE ISSUED BY GOJ IN CONNECTION WITH EACH DISBURSEMENT.

PROVISIONS THAT WOULD BE ADDED TO STANDARD FMS BOILER-PLATE UNDER FOREGOING APPROACH WOULD BE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A. CREDIT AGREEMENT - "IN CONSIDERATION OF THE EXTENSION OF CREDITS BY THE USG TO THE GOJ, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA HEREBY UNCONDITIONALLY AGREES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE NOTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT AND AGREES TO BECOME A PARTY TO EACH NOTE AS A PRINCIPAL OBLIGOR AS PROVIDED IN EXHIBIT D ATTACHED HERETO."

B. NOTE - FOR VALUE RECEIVED, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, AS PRIMARY OBLIGOR, HEREBY UNCONDITIONALLY UNDERTAKES TO TENDER PROMPT PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE FOREGOING PROMISSORY NOTE WHEN AND AS DUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS THEREOF AND TO THAT END HEREBY PLEDGES ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT AND WAIVES DILIGENCE, PRESENTMENT, DEMAND, PROTEST, AND NOTICE OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER AND ANY REQUIREMENT THAT THE HOLDER EXHAUST ANY RIGHT OR TAKE ANY ACTION AGAINST THE MAKER OF THIS NOTE AND HEREBY CONSENTS TO ANY EXTENSION OF TIME OF PAYMENT OR RENEWAL THEREOF.

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REQUEST ADDRESSEES' COMMENTS ON PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT. YOU MAY DISCUSS THIS PROPOSAL WITH HOST GOVERNMENT AT YOUR DISCRETION. IN DOING SO, HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD BE SURE IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PROPOSED DOLS 30 MILLION IN FSM CREDIT FOR JORDAN IN FY 75 IS SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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